



ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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MILESTONE EVENT FOR MAULES CREEK PROJECT

Whitehaven Coal Limited (ASX Code: WHC) is pleased to announce that a contract has been entered into with Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd for the construction of the rail loop for the Maules Creek project. The rail loop is a key part of the mine infrastructure and the longest lead time item for the project.

Whitehaven's Managing Director and CEO, Paul Flynn said "this is a very important milestone for Whitehaven's Maules Creek project. Once the mine begins production in the first quarter of CY2015 it will strengthen the Company's position as a major low cost coal producer in Australia".

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